

# Why the ERLC is advocating for Congress to propel American generosity during the coronavirus crisis

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Going into this past weekend with the Senate in session to work on its response to the coronavirus pandemic and economic turmoil, the ERLC called for a two-year, no cap Universal Charitable Deduction (UCD) to encourage charitable giving. Jeff Pickering and Travis Wussow discuss why bold action from Washington is needed to propel American generosity during this crisis.

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- ERLC Working to Encourage Charitable Giving to Churches, Non-Profits
   during the Coronavirus Crisis (https://erlc.com/resource-library/policy briefs/erlc-working-to-stimulate-charitable-giving-during-the-coronavirus crisis)
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- From The White House | 15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD (https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20\_coronavirus-guidance\_8.5x11\_315PM.pdf)
- A Q&A on coronavirus with an infectious disease specialist
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